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SUBJECT: APPREHENSION OF US SOLDIER AT CHECKPOINT CHARLIE

REFS: BERLIN 1566 & 1568

1. IN MEETING WITH FRENCH POLAD ON OTHER MATTERS SEPTEMBER 11, SOVIET EAST BERLIN ACTING COUNSELOR BURDAKIN RAISED DETENTION OF DETAINED US SOLDIER, ALLEGING HE HAD WANTED TO BRING TWO EAST GERMANS OUT OF EAST BERLIN THE TRUNK OF HIS CAR.

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD THAT TWO PERSONS MAY HAVE BEEN SEEKING TO LEAVE EAST BERLIN WITH SOLDIER IN QUESTION. BURDAKIN ALSO SPELLED OUT NATURE FOR FIRST TIME OF "SERIOUS CRIME" MENTIONED BY SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER

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TO US PROTOCOL OFFICER EARLIER IN DAY (BERLIN 1568).

3. ROMANOVSKIY NOT HAVING BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US AGAIN
SEPTEMBER 11, US PROTOCOL OFFICER IS ATTEMPTING TO PRESS
HIM THIS EVENING FOR RESPONSE TO OUR PROTEST EARLIER IN
DAY. IF WE HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING MORE BY COB
SEPTEMBER 12 WE PROPOSE TO ESCALATE TO POLAD LEVEL (SHOULD
WE FOLLOW PATTERN OF KAPPEL CASE, NEXT STEP WOULD BE LETTER
FROM AMBASSADOR TO YEFREMOV.)

4. USCOB CONCURS.SELIGMANN

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